

REMARKS

Prior to the entry of this amendment Claims 1 - 38 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-2, 6-7, 10-18, 22, 26-27, and 37 remain in their original form, Claims 5, 9, 19, 21, and 28 are hereby amended, and Claims 3-4, 8, 20, 23-25, 29-36, and 38 have been canceled without prejudice to their assertion in continuation applications. Upon entry of the present amendment Claims 1-2, 5-7, 9-19, 21-22, 26-28, and 37 will be pending in the application.

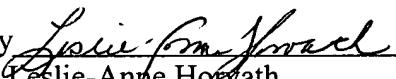
Claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies in the original claims and to reduce claim filing fees.

Consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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